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With April's arrival, Spring is truly here. It's great to get outside in our area and enjoy the warmth, flowers, and greenery. We are truly lucky, and it certainly helps to take a break from the nightly news and other stresses in our busy lives.

For our branch, the fiscal year is getting near the end, and that means election time. Our Nominating Committee is taking a new direction for some of the coming year's board positions. To encourage newer members to participate, and to make the jobs less intimidating, we'll be creating teams to fill a few of the offices. Of course, more traditional candidates are welcome too – see the Branch Report section for more information.

Providing inspiration for action to help our planet, Earth Day is Friday, April 22. We can't change the world individually, but we can all do our part to conserve, recycle and reuse. With this in mind, we've featured quotes about Mother Earth to celebrate her in this month's issue.

Take care – be kind.

Joanne Quijano, President DAW Branch



April Checklist

- **April 11-15 - Lobby Week**
- **April 21, 7:00 pm – Branch Board Meeting**
- **April 22, 4:00pm - Vineyard Stroll for Local Scholarships**
See more info [HERE](#)
Get your quilt raffle tickets [HERE](#)
- **April 22 – Earth Day**
- **May 10 – Leading and Finding Solutions with Lucinda Jackson**
Save the date for our May program!
- [Donate here](#) to support the DAW fundraising campaign
- **Volunteer!** Become a candidate for the **branch board**, learn about positions [HERE](#)

April Programs Update

*"April is the kindest month. April gets you out of your head and out working in the garden."
Mary Robinson*

Savor the date: April 22 - Vineyard Stroll, Sipping and Supporting AAUW College Scholarships



Come raise a glass to support women and girls, while enjoying an evening in a local vineyard with fine friends, appetizers and wine.

Contributions from the event being held Friday from 4-7 p.m., will be used entirely for scholarships for college women from the San Ramon Valley, and includes:

- Tasting current vintages from Sky Terrace Vineyards
- "Springtime Sparklers" Quilt by Mary Mix and Garden basket raffle opportunities
- Gourmet appetizers and sweets from the members of DAW-AAUW
- Parking nearby with shuttle service to the vineyard.

Tickets are \$40. Space is limited, so order your tickets [HERE](#) or purchase (check or cash only) at East Bay Flower Company in the Danville Livery.

Lobby Week – time to meet with California lawmakers



It's still not too late to sign up and register for the Lobby Week training webinar on April 7 at 7 pm. You'll learn about the lobby process that AAUW California will be using this year. And, if space is available, you may be able to participate in the meetings with our lawmakers, joining those who have already registered.

Lobby Week takes place April 11-15 while our California representatives are home on break from Sacramento. Click [HERE](#) for more information and the webinar link.



Save the date for “Leading and Finding Solutions”

Lucinda Jackson will be the speaker for our branch’s May program. She is the founder of LJ Ventures, a firm that focuses on energy and the environment and empowering women (and men!) in the workplace and in our next act - retirement. Lucinda will be presenting a fascinating program on leadership in women's careers and in retirement. Save the date, May 10, and watch for more information in next month’s newsletter.

National AAUW Updates

“I don’t know whether nice people tend to grow roses or growing roses makes people nice.”

—Roland A. Browne

Rejoice over Ketanji Brown Jackson’s Supreme Court nomination!



In March, AAUW Chief Executive Officer Gloria L. Blackwell issued a statement on President Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Our hearts are full with profound joy, pride and exhilaration that President Biden has nominated the brilliant, inspiring and eminently qualified Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

As an organization that has worked for 140 years to advance the rights of all women, AAUW views her nomination as a historic milestone that will move us more swiftly to gender and racial equity and justice. Her confirmation won’t just give a Black woman “a seat at the table,” but will bring valuable and much-needed new insights to the highest court in the land to the benefit of us all.”

Read the full article on the [aauw.org](https://www.aauw.org) website [here](#).

*“Every aspect of our lives is, in a sense, a vote for the kind of world we want to live in.”
Frances Moore Lappé, author of Diet for a Small Planet*



Attend the AAUW California annual event April 30

California’s annual virtual event this year will be a “Zoom-orama” experience featuring fabulous speakers AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell, awards for a plethora of accomplishments, news on the advocacy front and our Speech Trek finalists.

We’ll also journey into uncharted waters with Adventures in AAUWLand breakout sessions. Choose your own adventure by participating in 20 free form conversations hosted by passionate members. Learn more and register [here](#).

Charmen Goehring, Meetings Planner, meetings@aauw-ca.org

Vote for your California AAUW directors



The Nominations and Elections Committee is excited to announce that we have a candidate for secretary and a slate of candidates for the California State AAUW’s seven open director positions. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to serve on the State Board.

The voting period runs April 23 to May 15 and all members will receive an email with their ballots. Members may also request a paper ballot. Read the candidates’ bios on the state website [here](#).

*By Charmen Goehring, Nominations & Elections Chair,
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“The environment, after all, is where we all meet, where we all have a mutual interest. It is one thing that all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become.” Lady Bird Johnson



Learn about Public Policy

UC Berkeley Student enrollment moratorium overturned

California lawmakers have introduced a bill that would override a court order requiring UC Berkeley to cut its student enrollment by several thousand. Senate Bill 118, introduced by the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, gives California university leaders 18 months to address California Environmental Quality Act-related issues before courts may issue decisions impacting enrollment growth. UC Berkeley has been the subject of one such CEQA lawsuit, as a neighborhood group challenged a proposed student housing project in court.



Nurse practitioners qualified to perform abortion procedure

Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) said Senate Bill 1375 addresses two issues by allowing experienced nurse practitioners in California to qualify more quickly, to work independently of a doctor and by adding abortion care to the services they can offer without physician oversight.

“SB 1375 is a proactive step further to increase access to affordable quality abortion care in California,” Atkins said. “Our state is facing a serious shortage of primary care clinicians, especially for our Latino, Black and Native American communities — a problem that is expected to get even more dire over the next decade.”

California has also been declared a “sanctuary state” by Governor Newsom for access to abortion.



AAUW State 2022 Legislative Agenda: 111 bills have been identified as aligned with AAUW’s mission. The state Public Policy Committee met this month to select 30-35 of those for our 2022-23 Legislative Agenda.

Lobby Week: Over 110 California members have registered to participate in Lobby Week, April 11-15. It’s still not too late to sign up and register for training on April 7 at 7 pm.

Equal Pay Day, March 15: Governor Newsom has signed an Equal Pay Pledge, which highlights investments and actions to advance pay and gender equity.

Title IX 50th Anniversary Celebration: AAUW California is sponsoring a joint resolution to commemorate this landmark, AJR23.

AAUW supports the nomination of Ketanji-Brown to the Supreme Court and encourages us to contact our senators to support her selection.

The world has watched with horror the events unfolding in Ukraine with the Russian army's invasion. This event has united the liberal democratic nations to band together and apply severe sanctions on Russia and its oligarchs. The humanitarian crisis caused by so many displaced people keeps worsening with no resolution in sight.

Stay alert! Stay informed! Stay engaged!

Asha Bajaj, Public Policy chair AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek



Consider a Branch Board position

We are soliciting candidates for the DAW Branch Board for the coming 2022-2023 fiscal year. Now is the time to step up and contact the Nominating Committee if you are interested in getting more active in supporting our branch. Past officers will be available to mentor new officers, and we are also considering more collaborative teams to lead some positions.

Nominating Committee members are Chris Ritter, Marsha Anderson-Landau, Bette Felton, and Judy Slinger; you may contact any of them to find out about the board positions. Or check the branch website [HERE](#) for more information.

Special Quilt Raffle



Get your raffle tickets to support the Creative Endeavors Scholarship

"Springtime Sparkler"

56" x 66" Quilt Stitched by
Mary Mix 2021

Raffle tickets are available now [HERE](#)

\$10 for 2 tickets

\$21 for five tickets

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Vineyard Stroll on April 22, so be sure to get your ticket soon! You don't have to be present to win this beautiful quilt.

From the Editor

"And into the forest I go, to lose my mind and my soul." —John Muir



Contribute to the Advocate

Send ideas, articles and pictures to Editor Stephanie Denman, steph@denmans.us by the 15th of the month to appear in the next issue. Submissions should be in the following format:

- Articles in a .doc or .docx file, or in the body of an email
- Pictures in .jpg format (compressed)

Find contact information about people mentioned in the Advocate on our [branch website](#) and in your directory. If you do not have a directory, contact Tena Gallagher.

From the Treasurer



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The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls.

Mission: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Value Promise: By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Vision: AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

The Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch promotes and supports our AAUW mission through local scholarships, AAUW program support, panel discussions, Tech Trek, AAUW Fund, and topical guest speakers.

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